

	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Requested	FY 2027 Recommended
<u>Expenditure By Object</u>				
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	31,784,560	34,572,975	35,431,879	33,784,257
Travel	342,011	1,204,675	1,204,675	1,204,675
Contractual Services	16,210,750	69,068,152	69,568,152	68,818,152
Commodities	743,323	1,800,305	1,800,305	1,800,305
Capital Outlay - Other Than Equipment	13,426,801	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
Capital Outlay - Equipment	1,165,746	2,920,575	2,920,575	2,920,575
Vehicles	318,775	1,228,000	1,228,000	1,228,000
Wireless Communication Devices	0	12,000	12,000	12,000
Subsidies, Loans & Grants	81,398,905	156,658,558	156,658,558	156,658,558
Totals	145,390,871	273,465,240	274,824,144	272,426,522
<u>To Be Funded As Follows:</u>				
Cash Balance - Unencumbered	399,433,597	477,916,157	447,075,821	447,075,821
State Appropriations	16,759,476	20,747,286	22,106,190	20,479,122
State Support Special Funds	2,966,048	250,000	0	0
Federal Funds	87,073,161	79,444,942	79,637,679	79,371,021
Pollution Control	62,768,786	86,102,320	90,907,150	90,907,150
Construction Grants	46,955,579	46,715,200	46,688,200	46,688,200
Land & Water, Geology & Admin	7,350,381	9,365,156	12,224,920	12,224,920
Less: Est Cash Available	-477,916,157	-447,075,821	-423,815,816	-424,319,712
Totals	145,390,871	273,465,240	274,824,144	272,426,522
<u>Summary Of Headcounts</u>				
Permanent	212	220	220	210
Time-Limited	165	170	170	170
Totals	377	390	390	380
<u>Summary Of Funding</u>				
General Funds	16,759,476	20,747,286	22,106,190	20,479,122
State Support Funds	2,966,048	250,000	0	0
Special Funds	125,665,347	252,467,954	252,717,954	251,947,400
Totals	145,390,871	273,465,240	274,824,144	272,426,522

Agency Description and Programs

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under Section 49-2-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, ensures the protection of Mississippi’s air, land, and water resources. The Department is responsible for safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of present and future generations of Mississippians by conserving and improving the state's environment and fostering wise economic growth through focused research and responsible regulation. The Department has a central administrative unit and three (3) operating offices: Geology, Pollution Control, and Land and Water Resources. The Office of Pollution Control also administers the State Revolving Loan Fund through the Construction Grants Office.

1. Pollution Control

This program safeguards the health, safety, and welfare of present and future generations of Mississippians by conserving and improving the state's environment and fostering wise economic growth through focused research and responsible regulation. The Department, through the Office of Pollution Control monitors ambient air and

water quality and administers regulatory programs related to air pollution, water pollution, and waste management, including conducting compliance evaluations and issuing environmental permits. The Coastal Restoration Program is responsible for oversight and management of the settlement funds related to injuries to the state's natural resources and economy following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Projects funded by this program are intended to restore damage to critical coastal habitats, living coastal and marine resources, tourism, economic development, workforce development and infrastructure.

2. Construction Grants

This program provides state matching funds to help municipalities and political subdivisions secure federal funds to design and build improved wastewater treatment facilities, non-point source pollution control projects, and stormwater pollution control projects.

3. Land and Water

This program regulates water uses through a permit system, conducts hydrologic investigations of aquifers, regulates the construction and operation of dams, and regulates water well drillers. The Office of Land and Water Resources must develop and maintain a water management database and is charged with ensuring the conjunctive beneficial use of groundwater and surface water resources.

4. Geology

This program conducts studies of the state's mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, stone, clay, coal, and all other mineral substances of value. The Office of Geology develops geological maps and reports which are made available to the public and provided to educational institutions, the state library, and others. This program is also responsible for managing the development of the Mississippi Digital Earth Model, flood maps, and other GIS products.

5. Administrative Services

This program oversees all Departmental overhead administrative functions under a single office. The centralization of these functions helps to provide coherent, equitable, and consistent application of resources and policies within the Department. The following functions are included under the Office of Administrative Services: Executive Director, Legal, Information Center, Human Resources, Information Technology, Community Engagement, Accounting, Budgeting, and Support Services. The objective of this program is to provide the staff of the Department with the most efficient and effective services possible, consistent with compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

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Summary By Program				
1. Pollution Control				
Total Funds	98,362,162	173,307,696	174,546,701	172,768,045
2. Construction Grants				
Total Funds	32,243,159	71,950,718	71,950,718	71,950,309
3. Land & Water				
Total Funds	3,871,972	8,336,640	8,402,942	8,267,611
4. Geology				
Total Funds	3,695,389	10,497,988	10,516,879	10,454,506
5. Administrative Services				
Total Funds	7,218,189	9,372,198	9,406,904	8,986,051